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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please accept the attached proposed set of corrected drawings, including a new Figure 8 showing two guard halves 152.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please accept amended specification page 9, which deletes phrase "and 154" from line 21 of page 9. This change accompanies the corrected drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 5, 7, and 16-17.

Please add new claims 21.

Please amend claims 1-2, 4, 6, 10-15, 18, and 20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A light guard for guarding a light source extending from a light socket fixture mounted on a building mounting surface, the light guard comprising:

a frame including a first half, a second half, and means for removably securing the two frame halves relative to each other, each frame half including a base flange and a body, wherein the body defines latticework of support members and is configured and arranged to extend about the light source and generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of light source, and